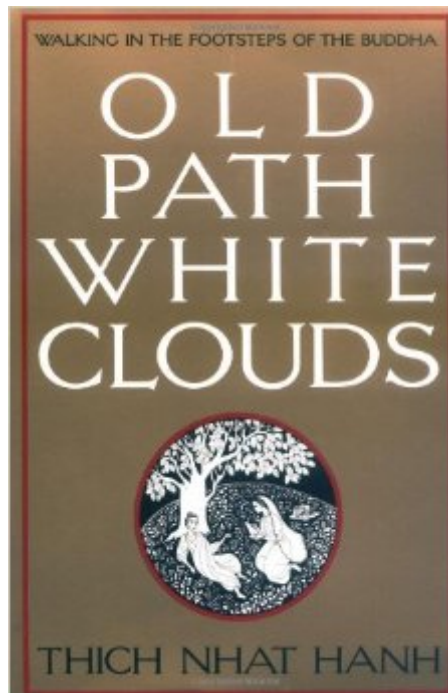




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Old Path White Clouds presents the life and teachings of Gautama Buddha. Drawn directly from 24 Pali, Sanskrit, and Chinese sources, and retold by Thich Nhat Hanh in his inimitably beautiful style, this book traces the Buddha's life slowly and gently over the course of 80 years, partly through the eyes of Svasti, the buffalo boy, and partly through the eyes of the Buddha himself. Old Path White Clouds is destined to become a classic of religious literature. "I have not avoided including the various difficulties the Buddha encountered, both from his own disciples and in relation to the wider society. If the Buddha appears in this book as a man close to us, it is partly due to recounting such difficulties." - from the author's Afterword.

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Hanh, a Vietnamese Buddhist monk, has drawn from 24 Pali, Sanskrit, and Chinese sources to create this highly accessible retelling of the story of the Buddha. The simple style is engaging, leading the reader through events in the Buddha's life while taking care to present and reinforce the central meaning and tone of his teaching. This is not a scholarly study but rather a heartfelt interpretation that draws on important sources. The result is a beautiful and contemporary book that can offer an attractive introduction for those new to the subject as well as many bright moments for serious students of Buddhism. Recommended for college and public libraries.- Mark Woodhouse, Gannett- Tripp Lib., Elmira Coll., N.Y. Copyright 1991 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

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OMG!!!!!!!!!!!!Sutra of the Lion's Roar.....The Buddha spoke, "Community, the Way of Enlightenment can tear down the walls of ignorance, just as light can disperse the shadows. The Four Noble Truths, Impermanence, Non-self, Dependent Co-arising, the Four Establishments of Mindfulness, the Seven Factors of Awakening, the Three Gates, and the Noble Eightfold Path have all been proclaimed to the world like a lion's roar, dispelling countless false doctrines and narrow--The lion is king of the beasts. When he leaves his den, he stretches and gazes out over all the directions. Before seeking his prey, he lets forth a mighty roar that causes the other creatures to tremble and flee.- Birds fly high, crocodiles dive beneath the water, foxes slip into their holes. Even village elephants, decked in fancy belts and ornaments and shaded by golden parasols, run away at the sound of that roar.-Community, the proclamation of the Way of Enlightenment is like that lion's roar! False doctrines fear and tremble. When Impermanence, Non-self, and Dependent Co-arising are proclaimed, all those who have long sought false security in ignorance and forgetfulness must awaken, celestial beings as well as human beings. When a person sees the dazzling truth, he exclaims, "We embraced dangerous views for so long, taking the impermanent to be permanent, and believing in the existence of a separate self. We took suffering to be pleasure and look at the temporary as if it were eternal. We mistook the false for the true. Now the time has come to tear down all the walls of forgetfulness and false views.-Community, the Way of Enlightenment allows humanity to remove the thick veil of false views.-When an enlightened person appears, the Way echoes like the majestic sound of the rising tide. When the tide rises, all false views are swept away. -Community, people are easily caught by four traps. The first is attachment to sensual desires. The second is attachment to narrow views. The third is doubt and suspicion. The fourth is false view of self.-The Way of Enlightenment helps people overcome the four great traps.-Community, the teaching on dependent co-arising will enable you to overcome every obstacle and trap. Contemplate the nature of interdependence in your daily life"in your body, feelings, mind, and objects of mind.-The next day in the main hall, Ananda repeated the Buddha's Dharma talk. He named it Sutra of the Lion's Roar.--Thich Nhat Hanh -Old Path White Clouds: Walking in the Footsteps of the Buddha.

The best of the best. Broad scope, easy to read and understand, being without the significant

cultural language obstacles of the more traditional texts. A wonderful opportunity to journey with the Buddha across the entire span of his life. A relaxing and inspiring read that is a delight to savour from one story to the next. I have the hard copy and decided to buy the kindle version as well. It is that good. If you would like a down to earth story of the life and teachings of the Buddha in plain english and without the mystical embellishments, this is the one. Enjoy!

I saw a recommendation for this book and felt lucky to find a second seller with a nice copy at a great price. It's easy to follow and the chapters are short. Best for reading one a day and thinking about it before reading the next one. Almost 600 lovely pages.

I decided to read this book based on one of the reviews. And I am totally enlightened! It has taught me how to meditate and to live in the present moment. It changed me.

A mesmerizing read filled with grace and well-being. Not only does one learn about the life of Siddhartha, the Buddha, one also experiences a great sense of peace as the story unfolds. Enjoy!

Poetically written and easy to understand, this book brings you on a magical and captivating journey with the Buddha and his disciples. Good, interesting read for Buddhists and non-Buddhists alike.

A touching and momentous telling of the most human story of the life of the Buddha. It makes you understand why so many people left family and their jobs to follow in his footsteps. A truly remarkable way of storytelling.

It touches the heart and awakens the soul from slumber. I learned about the Buddha's teachings and the kind of personality/energy he radiated. It warms my heart to see the warmth, calm and devotion in Thay's voice.

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